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BRITISH SUBMARINE SUNK IN COLLISION

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Spy To
Die**

**Yugoslav Court's
Verdicts**

15 Sailors Entombed In Thames Estuary FIVE SURVIVORS RESCUED

The Hague, Jan. 12.—At least 15 British sailors were entombed below the waters of the Thames Estuary tonight after their submarine Truculent had been rammed in the torpedo room.

Five survivors, said to have been in the conning tower, have been picked up.

Man Marries Step-Daughter

Grand Rapids, Michigan, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Helen Bishop, aged 35, has failed in a bid to annul the marriage of her recently divorced husband to her 18-year-old daughter by a former marriage.

The divorced husband, Victor Bishop, aged 35, and Mrs. Bishop's daughter were married 21 days after the husband's divorce from the bride's mother became final.

"I gave him a divorce when he told me that he was in love with a younger woman," Mrs. Bishop told the court. "I did not know the other woman was my own daughter."

The court decided to take no action.

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Tragic K'loon Fire



All the tragedy of the blaze which on Wednesday destroyed the apartment colony at Kowloon City is summed up in this picture which shows a young Chinese woman and her baby, grief-stricken, as the woman watches over the few personal belongings she was able to rescue before the fire burned down her home. See Editorial this page.

Tsiang Surrenders Presidency Of Security Council

Lake Success, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Nationalist delegate to the Security Council, Dr. T. F. Tsiang, whose expulsion is demanded by the Soviet Union tonight agreed to step down from the Presidency of the Council.

Mr. Jacob Malik, the Soviet delegate, who walked out on the Security Council meeting on Tuesday demanding Dr. Tsiang's expulsion, took his seat at the Security Council again tonight when it met to discuss his demand for the expulsion of Dr. Tsiang.

Dr. Tsiang was said to be willing to hand over to the Cuban delegate, Dr. Carlos Riera, the Presidency of the Council.

Dr. Tsiang opened the meeting by stating that he had decided to exercise his discretionary power of stepping down from the Presidency of the Council in favour of Dr. Riera.

He cited as a precedent the action of the United States in 1946, when Mr. Warren Austin, who was an interested party, vacated the Presidency of the Council when it discussed the Berlin question in Paris in 1948.

Dr. Tsiang then took his normal alphabetical place at the table and Dr. Riera moved to the centre seat.

Dr. Ales Bebler (Yugoslavia) supported the Soviet proposal as "perfectly justified."

He said that there was no convincing reason for any further delay in the matter and called for an immediate decision in favour of the new Chinese Government.

M. Jean Chauvel (France) criticised the Soviet delegate for his walk-out on Tuesday.

"This manner of acting is not likely to bolster the prestige of the Council or of the United Nations," M. Chauvel said.

He added that the French delegation would not contest the validity of the Chinese Nationalist delegation.

Sir Benegal Narain Rau (India) repeated his contention that the Council's rules of procedure were "defective."

Dr. Tsiang declared that when he took his seat on the Council more than two years ago his credentials were duly certified as adequate. That being so his standing was "as regular as that of any other member."

He said that although the Soviet resolution "speaks of my credentials, what it calls into question is not my credentials but the right of my Government to be represented here at all," said Dr. Tsiang.

"It is, therefore, not a question of mere procedure but is a political question of the utmost importance. I treat it as such."

This declaration was interpreted by observers to mean that Dr. Tsiang would uphold his right to vote, his removal

Churchill Returns For Election Battle

London, Jan. 12.—The Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, returned here tonight to lead his election troops into battle after a fog had threatened his air journey from Madeira. This had provoked considerable anxiety.

The 75-year-old leader disembarked from a flying boat at Southampton in a fine fighting fettle, ready for an early "Council of War" with his chief lieutenants—the members of the Conservative "Shadow" Cabinet.

Although Mr. Churchill's chief colleagues stood by as a precaution against a quick summons from their leader, the general impression was that developments were unlikely tonight.

Other main election news of the day was a summons to the 300 Socialist Members of Parliament to a secret briefing by their leader on campaign policy and tactics in London on January 24.

This will be the "winding up" meeting of the Parliamentary Party. There will be morale-boosting speeches by the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and the Deputy Prime Minister, Mr. Herbert Morrison, the Labour campaign "boss."

A split developed today among Britain's 8,000,000 trade unionists—most of them traditional backers of Labour—over the Socialist Government's wage freezing policy.

CLOSE VOTE

The nation's 187 leading trade unions, represented by delegates at a conference here, approved the Government policy on wages by the narrow majority of 600,000.

The delegates, using bloc votes, approved the policy by 4,200,000 to 3,600,000.

The conference opened with an attempt to get the decision postponed until after the general election, but this was defeated.

Speaker after speaker in the debate—among them many who cast their votes for the Trades Union Congress policy—complained that wages restraint could only be practised if there were stricter measures to control profits.

The general opinion among political observers was that trade unionists would not allow their split to affect Labour's chances of success in the general election on February 23.

It is expected that there will be a truce until after Britain has gone to the polls.

The full force of the discontent of 3,500,000 workers is then likely to explode on the new Government if it persists in a wage-pegging policy.

Reuter.

On Shanghai

**Nationalists Claim
11 Ships Hit**

Taipei, Jan. 12.—The Chinese Nationalists announced tonight a heavy air raid on Red Shanghai had hit eleven ships and left waterfront warehouses in flames.

The Air Force command said Nationalist B-24 bombers and P-51 fighter-bombers were used in today's assaults.

"They bombed three ships in harbour, setting one afire, badly damaged two ships in drydock, badly damaged another at the mouth of the Whangpoo River and set five more afire by strafing."

It said in addition to waterfront buildings, unidentified ground establishments in the Chapei and Pootung districts were hit.

The former capital of Nanking and the Yangtze river cities of Kiangyin and Chinglung also were noted without announced results.

WUHSIEN ATTACKED

Wuhsien (Szechwan), famed beauty spot west of Shanghai, also was attacked.

Sword, port, 200 miles Northwest of Hongkong, also was reported bombed again with two ships and many small craft hit.

The Nationalist Defence Ministry reported there was small scale fighting with Red guerrillas on Hainan, island off the South coast.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's staff flatly denied, however, a report published abroad that the Communists had begun an assault on Hainan.

Bringing the report about an assault on Hainan, Generalissimo Chiang said, "The invaders must have been ghosts or other mythical beings of the imagination."

Associated Press.

Won't Injure Law

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Truman said today that there is still no national emergency in coal supply. Thus he has no plans to invoke the Taft-Hartley Act.

United Press.

EDITORIAL

Self-Help For Squatters

THE New Year has started with a disasterous fire in the old Kowloon City area, similar in destruction to the two blazes in 1949 which destroyed thousands of squatters' huts in Tai Kok Tsui. Significantly enough, it always seems to be impossible to determine the origin of these fires which so quickly and dramatically demolish precious homes and leave thousands of people—old and young, without living quarters. The latest disaster, which fortunately entailed no loss of life, draws renewed attention to the problem of squatters' areas, both in general and particular. As not obvious before, it became painfully apparent on Wednesday afternoon that insufficient attention had been paid by the Authorities to the matter of spacing when the squatters' village at old Kowloon City was permitted to come into existence. Only narrow alleyways separated the rows of dwellings, making it difficult not only for the inhabitants to escape from the fire with their few belongings, but also proving a handicap to the fire-fighters, whose required freedom of mobility was gravely restricted. Because squatters' huts are inevitable in this shockingly overcrowded Colony, it can be expected that new shacks will in due course arise from the ashes of old Kowloon City. In which case the Authorities must step in and see that they are constructed and laid out in such a way that should there be another outbreak of fire, there will be a reasonable chance of containing the blaze and restricting the loss of property. No blame is to be attached to the fire brigade and other workers for the heavy losses sustained at Kowloon City on Wednesday. The firemen and others worked magnificently under virtually impossible conditions; but they were not given even a fair chance, largely because the inflammable hutments had been allowed to be erected

check by jowl, presenting to the flames a target which they could not fail to consume. The very least which is demanded of future squatters' areas is that they are developed in such a way as to permit unhindered access to fire engines in the event of a blaze. Moreover, proper spacing will provide every hut with additional fresh air and sunlight, which is in the interests of the health of the squatters. Another important consideration is the provision of easily accessible fire extinguishers. The suggestion is not that these should be provided by Government free of charge, and, therefore, liable to loss through theft. But squatters could be encouraged to form themselves into self-preservation communities, who would, among other things, contribute towards the cost of fire extinguishers. A committee elected among themselves would hold itself responsible for the safety of these extinguishers, and members of the community would be trained in handling them. Placed at strategic points in a squatters' village they may well prove the means of preventing a disasterous fire. The idea of the squatter community could also be developed along the lines of public health and sanitation by encouraging the inhabitants of these areas to take some interest in their own welfare. A large proportion of our squatters today are people who carry out skilled and semi-skilled work, and they are, therefore, sufficiently intelligent to appreciate the advantages of self-help if these are demonstrated to them. Physically, squatters become a community because their homes are contained within a restricted area and they cannot avoid becoming neighbours. They should, in consequence, be encouraged to develop and share a community spirit, appreciating that the safety and welfare of one family is the safety and welfare of them all.

Explosion Kills 4

Vancouver, Indiana, Jan. 12.—At least four people were killed in an explosion in a Federal housing project here today, the police reported.

COMMANDER SAFE

According to shipping circles here in touch with the Almijik, the five survivors picked up by the Almijik's lifeboat were the Commander, three Lieutenants and one rating.

It is understood that the men were in the conning tower of the submarine at the time of the collision and were thus saved.

Immediately under the conning tower, the Dutch shipping sources say, there are other members of the crew who could be saved if the submarine could be lifted in time before the air supply gave out.

According to further messages picked up here the submarine was rammed on the starboard side in the torpedo room and "sank almost immediately."

The five survivors picked up by the Dutch freighter have been put ashore at Gravesend, on the south side of the Thames Estuary.

RESCUE OPERATIONS

According to a London message there were more than 60 men aboard the Truculent at the time of the disaster. She was travelling on the surface.

She carried enough underwater escape apparatus for every member of the crew. The apparatus is distributed throughout various water-tight compartments of the submarine.

At the request of the Navy, Royal Air Force planes with flares and parachute-borne rubber boats joined ships in the rescue operation and searched for survivors.

The Truculent is thought to have been carrying out diving tests yesterday and shipping had been warned by radio of naval exercises in the area including the presence of a submarine.

Later tonight fog closed in, cutting out visibility to less than half a mile.—Reuter.

Associated Press adds that the Truculent was built during the war and operated against the Japanese in the Pacific.

RACING EDITION TOMORROW

The annual Hongkong Jockey Club racing carnival opens tomorrow, and in addition to the usual Saturday edition of the Hongkong Telegraph, which will be on the streets shortly after 11 a.m., a special racing edition will be published tomorrow afternoon.

This will contain results of the first seven races, together with winning cash sweep numbers.

The racing edition will be on sale about 4.45 p.m.

STOP PRESS

SOLDIER SENT TO PRISON

Andrew Milne, 23, of the R.A.S.C., was sentenced to four years and nine months' imprisonment by Mr. Justice Williams at the Criminal Sessions this morning. The accused was found guilty by a jury yesterday of having raped the 30-year-old wife of an odd-job cooler in a disused cell of the old Castle Peak Police Station on September 1 last.

Milne was defended by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by the Bar Council, while Mr. A. Hooley, Crown Counsel, prosecuted.

A New Queen's College This Year

Mr. T. R. Rowell, Director of Education, announced this morning that the new Queen's College would be completed by September of this year.

It will be situated on the present Queen's College playing fields at Causeway Bay, and would accommodate between 600 and 1,000 students.

See Page 6 for Queen's College headmaster's report.

- TO-DAY AT THE -
KING'S LEE THEATRE

At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20
and 9.30 P.M.

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At 2.30, 5.15, 7.20



JOAN CRAWFORD
FLAMINGO ROAD
NEW WARNER BROS. SMASH!

ZACHARY SCOTT SYDNEY GREENSTREET DAVID BRIAN MICHAEL CURRY
JERRY WARD

AT THE KING'S Also Latest Paramount News
AT THE LEE Also Latest Gaumont British News

SUNDAY MORNING AT 11.30 A.M. AT THE KING'S
ALEXANDER KORDA Presents
RUDYARD KIPLING'S

"JUNGLE BOOK" In Technicolor
with SABU - AT REDUCED PRICES.

ROXY Commencing
TO-DAY AT
2.30, 5.30, 7.30
6.30 P.M.

TWO WOMEN Faced DEATH...
While three men waited—
beyond the closed door!

MAUREEN O'HARA
MELVYN DOUGLAS
GLORIA GRAHAME
BILL WILLIAMS

A Woman's Secret

with VICTOR JORY
MARY PHILIPS, JAY C. FLIPPEN
A DOSE SCHARY Presentation
Produced by HERMAN J. MANKOWITZ - Directed by L. B. ABRAHAM - Screen Play by Herman J. Mankowitz

Added: Latest Fox Movietone News

ORIENTAL
AIR-CONDITIONED
Take Any Eastern Tram Car or Happy Valley Bus

SHOWING TO-DAY: 2.30—5.15—7.20 & 9.30 P.M.
The LAUGHS are MONSTROUS! Bud & Lou tangle
with TITANS OF TERROR! Its A Grand New Fun!

You'll DIE... LAUGHING!!!

BUD & LOU
tangle with
TITANS OF
TERROR!

ABBOTT & COSTELLO
meet
FRANKENSTEIN

The Wolfman played by LON CHANEY
Dracula played by BELA LUGOSI
The Monster played by GLENN STRANGE

Liberty 4 SHOWS TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.30,
7.30 & 9.30 P.M.

A MAGNIFICENT
STORY PACKED
WITH EXCITEMENT!

"A STRANGE WOMAN"
A GREAT WALL
SUPER PRODUCTION.

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WOMANSENSE

Pleated Jersey Vogue



By PRUNELLA WOOD

MANY a dress is offered this season with accordion pleated skirt, and for the most part, the pleats are in to stay, through fittings and cleanings. All designers are up to smart tricks with wool jersey this season, among them the pleated skirt trick.

The dress above is black wool jersey, its skirt pleats stitched along a knife-edge all the way, to stay put, attached to a buttoned sleeveless blouse with cardigan closing, made of lime green and black jersey in matching width stripes. Sleeves are of the push-up length; belt is black jersey.

Spring Colours Previewed

VIVID red is a colour that is coming up strongly as a background to prints and in prints appearing on white or beige. Most widely featured in sporty prints that have lots of animation.

Creamy beige is a neutral that is also getting important backing in cotton and rayon prints and coloured woven fancy cottons styled for wash dresses and two-pieces that look like suits.

Coral orange is another shade that is making style news in rayon prints styled for wash dresses and housecoats. It appears chiefly as background to prints done in black or gray with white.

A COMPLETE range of rosy hues from the palest pinky beige to old rose, raspberry, shrimp and strawberry are being shown in a wide fabric variety in teen dresses. Candy pink linen accents often in Peter Pan collars and wide cuffs is another way pink enters the picture. Pastel pink in nylon acetate and lots of pink and green cheeks are also scheduled.

RECENT showings offer a variety of smoky neutral shades for new spring evening dresses. The grayed-look to pastels, by way of smoky grays over soft pastels, is another interesting colour note. Sheer fabrics—chiffons and silk organzies—are popular over-shade fabrics.

Greens over blues and vice-versa are popular in nots as well as in lace-over-taffetas dresses.

Violet shades in soft grayed tones to the clear true violet are prominent for evening wear.

CLAIM AGAINST ALEXIS SMITH



A suit has been filed by Warner Bros in Los Angeles to cancel contracts with Alexis Smith, the film actress, and to recover \$40,000 (£14,285 sterling) already paid her.

The Film company's suit alleged Miss Smith refused a picture assignment on October 15. It asserted Warner paid her \$40,000 under the contract the previous day.

(London Express Service)

Household Hint

If the tile in your bathroom is stained so that you cannot get the stains off with ordinary cleaning, try this: dissolve one part of sodium citrate crystals (obtainable at your drug store) in six parts of water. Measure and add an equal amount of glycerine and mix well. Stir in enough whiting to make a thick paste. Spread over stains, let dry, then wash off and rinse well.

Utility Linen Shortage Confronts British Housewives
—By Eileen Ascroft—

HOUSEWIVES in England trying to replenish their linen cupboards will have noticed how difficult it is to buy utility sheets and pillow cases.

Behind this acute shortage lies a story which does the Government no credit.

They fix the price at which raw cotton is sold to the manufacturer and when devaluation steps within two days; but manufacturers were not allowed to increase their utility ceiling price accordingly.

The result is that manufacturers cannot afford to produce utility household goods. In many cases they are ceasing to do so, and are cancelling orders for the shops.

But there is another side to this which is even more unfair to the long-suffering housewife.

Non-Utility Prices

Manufacturers, in certain cases, unable to sell at utility prices, are making the same goods to sell at non-utility prices, which are not controlled.

These carry a 60-2-3 purchase tax, which the customer has to pay.

Thus a utility sheet (size 80in x 100in), whose maximum retail price would be 40s 6d, sold as non-utility will cost the housewife 75s 6d.

In the case of a utility pillow case (size 20in x 30in), which sells at 2s 11½d, if it is sold as non-utility it will cost the housewife 6s 4d.

A Hollywood Fairy Godmother
By PATRICIA CLARY

Any modern fairy godmother who produces a pumpkin coach should drop dead here in Hollywood fairy godmothers supply an introduction to an agent and a utility diet.

When the clock strikes 12, the fairy godmother is waiting at a ring-side table to make sure Cinderella doesn't disappear before it's her turn to come on stage.

Joan Crawford, the fairy godmother with the reducing diet, spring out of the mists of Clary's to help at the beginning.

"Would you mind," she asked the jittery Clary, "if I tried to help you?"

The first thing Miss Crawford did was put her protégée on a strict diet. For breakfast, Miss Crawford offered:

One egg, two slices of bacon, half a grapefruit, black coffee.

For lunch: a salad of either pineapple or pear and cottage cheese, with milk or black coffee or tea with lemon.

No Cake or Candy

For dinner: a mixed green salad, two chops of any kind of meat or a small steak, a vegetable and half a grapefruit.

"I'm not hungry, honest," said Miss Morgan. "But I look as sweet as Miss Crawford."

"I just don't want her splurging on cake and candy," Miss Crawford said severely.

The strawberry blonde Miss Morgan came to Hollywood as a vocalist with Harry James' band. But she had a tough time getting engagements on her own until suddenly a cancellation gave her a week's work at Clary's.

The day after her opening, Miss Morgan was quartered at Miss Crawford's luxurious home.

Learns Glamour

"She told me my voice was okay, but I needed to learn how to 'sell' glamour," she said. So Miss Crawford, who knows how to sell glamour herself, taught her.

"She did my hair. She helped with my makeup. She gave me some tips on posture. She changed my act around a little. She started me on a diet."

"Marion," she said, "you're going places if it breaks my back."

The second night at Clary's, Miss Morgan appeared in a pale pink, pencil-slim gown, with a beaded belt shaded from rose to maroon red. It was right from Miss Crawford's wardrobe, designed by her own dressmaker.

The rest of the week was so successful that, two months later, Clary's brought Miss Morgan back for another engagement.

Meanwhile, Miss Crawford had helped the singer choose a new wardrobe of evening gowns of her own design.

"And when I had an engagement in San Francisco," Miss Morgan thrilled, "she lent me her own luscious white fox stole to wear."

Keep Your



Good circulation is very important to the health of your hair. So, to encourage the flow of blood to the scalp, massage in a lotion designed for the purpose.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IF the colour of your hair does not precisely please you, forget about it. Any colour can be made attractive and charming. If the glorious crown is kept shining clean, is arranged in a chic and becoming manner.

Blonde, brown, black, golden, red, chestnut, white, pepper-and-salt, it does not really matter. They all have possibilities of beauty even the oddest tones about which the owners do considerable bawling.

By exquisite grooming of scalp and tress, lovely results can be obtained. Keep the growth healthy by using the hair brush vigorously at bedtime, by shampooing frequently by flouting the most becoming arrangement you can conceive, and you are all set as far as your topknot is concerned.

The root of each hair shaft rests in a papilla, in which are nerves and blood vessels. More than one realises, the well being of human wool depends upon the healthy state of these tiny mechanisms. Vigorous massage.

Spread out fingers and thumb or your scalp! Keep the fingers stationary, do circles with the thumbs. Lift the flesh and pinch it. Your scalp will glow, and you will know that the blood streams are extra active, taking nourishment to every silky thread.

Let's Eat
BY IDA BAILEY ALLEN

A Menu From the Early Nineteenth Century

"BUT what about the celebrated Long Island duck-ling, and Long Island potatoes?" asked the Chef.

"These were produced privately at first, and then, as the commercial industries developed, they came into the market. As to the century and a half ago, they might be considered as a mixed seafood, mixed with vegetables, and mixed with the spit before the open fire, which grew in local gardens, and which they cooked in milk and served with apples of toast."

"Sippets of toast?" asked the Chef.

"That means strips of toast used for dunking in the milk and asparagus sauce to it could be dipped up," I explained.

"There would be of course corn bread; and for dessert, perhaps a berry puff with lemon marmalade sauce."

"Berry puff? What is that?" asked the Chef.

"That's an old-fashioned steamed pudding," I explained. "And coffee?" queried the Chef. "Did they have that?"

"Just look on the shelf over the fireplace," I said. "See that meat pot?"

The Chef examined it, carefully raised the lid. "This is a drip coffee pot," he exclaimed. "But what is the meat?"

"It is Britanna ware, used for making coffee pots many years ago. It's an antique, but right up to date in its method."

Needless to say the Chef and I were fascinated with these glimpses of an old-time cuisine. So we worked out a "Home Sweet Home" menu featuring famous Long Island recipes adapted to your table today.

Home Sweet Home Dinner
Pickled Beet Egg New Lettuce Salad
Clam Pie with Potato Potatoes
Long Island Sausage Hot Pot Asparagus Cooked in Milk Sippets of Toast

Berry Duff Lemon-Nutmeg Sauce
Coffee or Tea Milk (children)
All Measurements Level Recipes Serve Four

Pickled Beet Egg and Now: Lettuce Salad
Slice enough cooked or tinned beets to make 3 c. and place in a qt. preserve jar. Then mix together 1 tsp. prepared mustard, 1 tsp. granulated sugar, ½ tsp. salt, ½ tsp. vinegar, 1/3 c. water and half a peeled section of garlic. Four over

Trick of the Chef
To make lemon-nutmeg sauce rich and creamy, beat it into a very well beaten egg.

Steel Workers' Deaths Blamed On De Gasperi

Modena, Jan. 11.—Two hundred thousand Italian workers poured into the centre of Modena today to hear Signor Alcide de Gasperi's Government branded assassins and murderers in a violent funeral speech by the Communist leader, Signor Palmiro Togliatti, over the bodies of six Italian steel workers who were killed in Monday's strike trouble.

While the Government held its final meeting in Rome before its resignation and reshuffle, provoked by the withdrawal of right wing Socialists two months ago, nearly 100 Socialist and Communist Members of Parliament assembled in Modena to follow the funeral procession of the dead steel workers.

Wafdists Get Big Majority

Cairo, Jan. 11.—Egypt's Nationalist Wafd Party had captured 225 seats in the new 319-seat Parliament when final results after the second ballot of 17 constituencies were announced tonight.

The Wafdists, who were party in the single seat constituencies, had won 28 of the 100 seats in the National Assembly. The National Assembly, which is the lower house of the Egyptian Parliament, had failed to get more than 100 seats in the first ballot. The Wafdists, who were party in the single seat constituencies, had won 28 of the 100 seats in the National Assembly.

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"MONSTER" WAS A WHALE

Copenhagen, Jan. 11.—A monster washed ashore in the Gulf of Suez five days ago was today described by a Danish expert as "nothing more than a whale".

First reports said that it had rough hair and eight-foot long tusks. It had been seen in the Gulf of Suez five days ago was today described by a Danish expert as "nothing more than a whale".

Dr. Anton Bruun, of the Danish Zoological Museum, said today that he had seen a picture of the "monster" in a British newspaper. This showed clearly that it was a whale, and the supposed tusks were the lower parts of its jaws from which the flesh had been torn or had rotted away.—Reuter.

Sharp Los Angeles Earthquake

Los Angeles, Jan. 11.—A sharp earthquake shook Los Angeles at 1:42 p.m. local time today. The shock was also felt in Hollywood.

South Gate reported a sharp shock, followed by another a minute later. No damage was reported.—Reuter.

Search In Baltic For Schooner

Copenhagen, Jan. 11.—Planes and ships are searching the Eastern Baltic for the 90-ton Danish motor schooner, Mary Ann, which was missing since she left Gdynia, Poland, on January 3.

The Mary Ann, which had four men on board, was due in Copenhagen on January 5 or 6.—Reuter.

Flies For Israel



First Israeli air hostess to fly out of Tel-Aviv: Livia Eizen, aged 25. She is the third air hostess to be engaged by the new Israeli National Airlines, but was the first to make her maiden flight for the company.

New Labour Call To Keep Left

London, Jan. 11.—A group of 12 leftist Labour Members of Parliament today published a new "Keep Left" manifesto which their leader, Mr R. H. Crossman, described as "the way to win the general election."

The policy surprised political observers by the way in which it keeps within the Party line, particularly in foreign policy, since Mr Crossman and others of the 12 have been in the past

PREVENTING DISORDERS IN SAIGON

Saigon, Jan. 11.—Precautions were taken tonight to prevent fresh disturbances at the funeral here tomorrow of a Vietnamese student killed in a clash between students and police on Monday.

At least 20 students were expected to take part in the funeral. The funeral was held in the presence of the French Consul-General, the French Ambassador, and the French Minister of the Interior.

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Bermuda Base May Close

London, Jan. 11.—Britain will probably close her naval base at Bermuda for economic reasons, usually reliable sources said here today. An Admiralty spokesman told Reuter: "As was stated some time ago, the Admiralty has been examining all naval services with the object of making all possible economies."

Interest here in the future of the British naval base at Bermuda has been heightened by the activities of an Admiralty delegation visiting Bermuda at present. Since Britain leased the Bermuda base to the United States in 1940, American warships often avail themselves of the two floating docks and other facilities there.—Reuter.

DUTCH COMMANDO LEADS PRIVATE INDONESIAN ARMY

Djakarta, Jan. 11.—Former Dutch Commando Captain R.P.P. "Turco" Westerling, who claims to command a 20,000-strong private army in West Java, today sent an ultimatum to the Indonesian Government. He is demanding that his army be recognised as the official armed force of the autonomous province of Pasundan.

Unless he received a favourable reply by midnight tomorrow (January 12), the captain said, he "might be unable to control" various units under his command, which bear the title of "Army of the Heavenly Host."

The captain sent copies of his ultimatum to the Dutch Ambassador, the United Nations Commission and foreign correspondents.

Westerling claimed as allies "certain influential elements" of the Dutch Islam guerrillas, who recently stepped up their operations against Indonesian Army outposts following the withdrawal of Dutch forces from a big area of West Java.

The Dutch Islam was reported by a usually reliable source for today to have told the Indonesian Government that they would call off the guerrilla war if the Government recognised West Java as a Modern state and allowed the continued existence of the Dutch Islam Army.

COMBAT FORCE

This army was estimated by Colonel Abdul Nasution, the Indonesian Army Commander in West Java, at two divisions. United Nations military observers in the area unofficially estimated the actual combat force of the Dutch Islam at about 10,000 men.

The Indonesian Prime Minister, Mr Mohammad Hatta, today described Captain Westerling as "a dangerous man" adding that if he appears in Djakarta, the Dutch Army will take care of him.

The Dutch High Commissioner and Ambassador, Mr M.H.M. Hersfeldt, said that Westerling was "an embarrassment to Dutch-Indonesian relations," but as Westerling was no longer a serving officer the Dutch had no authority to interfere.

An official spokesman of the Ambassador, added that the Dutch Army had been alerted in case of a clash between Westerling's army and Indonesian forces.

VISITS NIGHT CLUB

Westerling openly visited a Djakarta night club last night and told a Dutch journalist that if he were arrested by the Indonesian Army, he would be all the worse for them.

A spokesman of the Indonesian Army said today that the State

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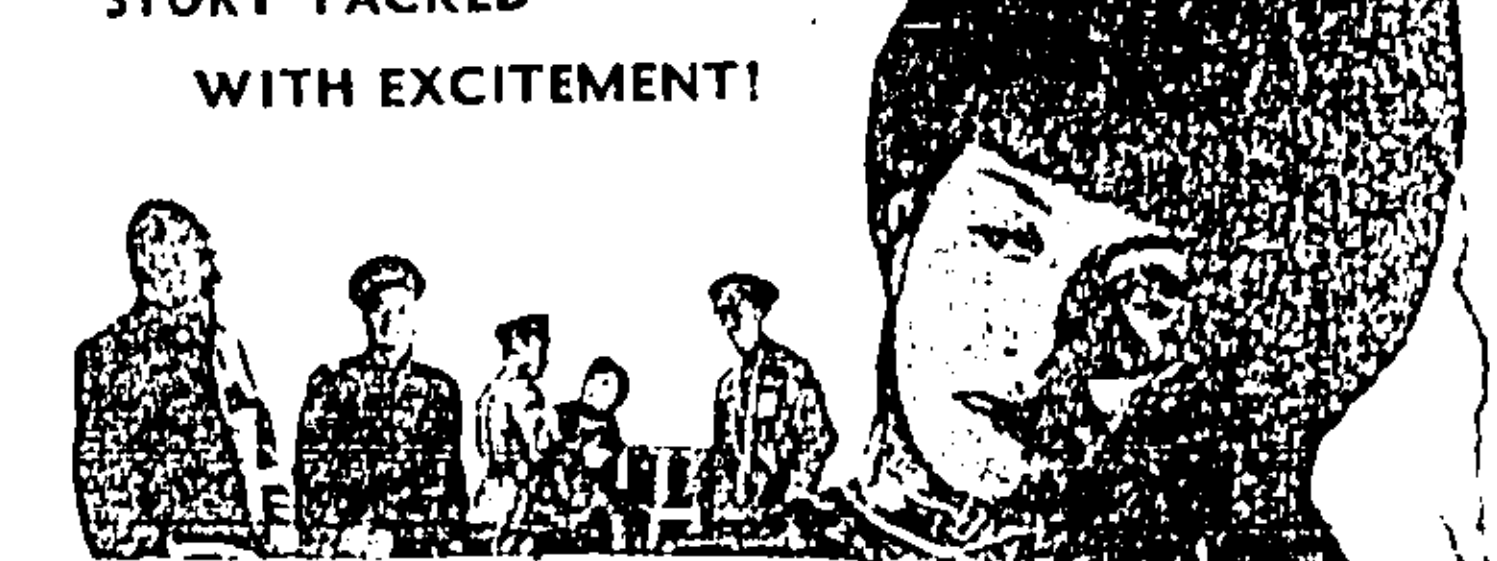
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JAP. TREATY: FURTHER STUDY NEEDED

Viewpoints Differ At Colombo Talks

Colombo, Jan. 11.—The Commonwealth Foreign Ministers meeting here today agreed in principle to set up a working party to study the problem of a Japanese peace treaty.

They also heard a 75-minute first-hand report on the situation in South-East Asia by Mr Malcolm MacDonald, British Commissioner General.

The peace treaty working party will be at Ambassador or High Commissioner level. Although it was not decided where it should meet, London is considered a possibility.

Observers see in the establishment of a working party an admission that Commonwealth countries have widely differing views on the treaty and that further consultation is required before a detailed, co-ordinated policy can emerge.

They point out that any decision depends on other important factors besides those represented at Colombo.

DIVERGENT VIEWS

Today's discussions revealed views on Japan which placed India at one extreme and Australia at the other.

India, Mr. Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, strongly supported a quick settlement of the peace issue under conditions which would allow Japan to retain its political and economic independence.

He also pointed out that any withdrawal of occupation forces from Japan would be a step towards the re-creation of a Japanese empire.

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Defendants In Skoplje Spy Trial All Plead Guilty

Belgrade, Jan. 11.—One of the defendants in the Skoplje trial said today that he and 80 other prisoners in Kofcha gnoj, Albania, had been released on condition that they went to Yugoslavia to work for the Communist.

One of the defendants, Vani Anel, said that he had been freed under this offer from a 20 years' sentence for wartime collaboration.

In Yugoslavia he was chiefly engaged in spreading disorganising propaganda.

All the 10 accused five Albanians and five Yugoslavs in the trial at Skoplje have pleaded guilty to charges including spying and subversive activities on behalf of Albania.

Four defendants admitted their guilt yesterday and the remainder did so at today's session.

One of them, Mitro Pilihi, said that he had been twice arrested by the Albanian secret service to spy and make contact with foreign groups.

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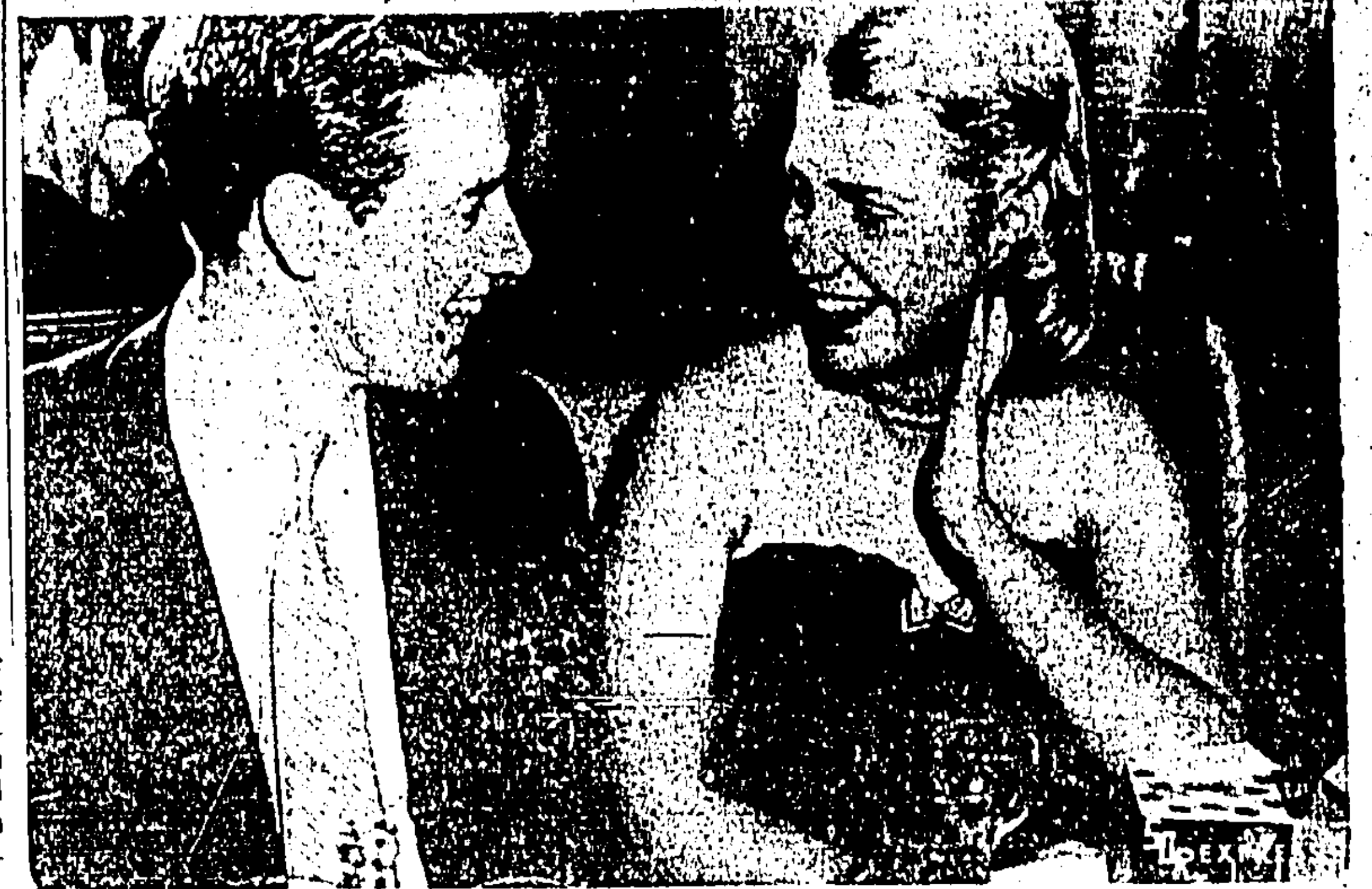
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Sharman's Christmas Escort



Christmas in New York for Sharman Douglas, daughter of the United States Ambassador to Britain. Miss Douglas's name has been romantically linked with some of Britain's most eligible bachelors, but her escort in the picture above is her brother, Lewis Douglas, Jr.—London Express Service.

U.S. Republicans Seek Military View On Formosa

Washington, Jan. 11.—Two Republican Senators, Mr Arthur Vandenberg and Mr Robert Taft—long opposed on foreign policy—joined today in a demand that Congress question the Joint Chiefs of Staff on the strategic importance of Formosa.

In separate speeches they both attacked the Administration's "hands-off" policy toward the island.

Mr Vandenberg said he did not feel that Congress had adequate information on Formosa without the testimony of the defence establishment in general and the Joint Chiefs of Staff in particular.

There have been rumours of a split between military leaders and the State Department on the strategic importance of Formosa.

The Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, said last week, however, that there were no major differences merely differences of emphasis.

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Mr Connally later told the Press: "The Joint Chiefs of Staff's views are always available to the President. The President has already made public statements that he does not expect to send arms or soldiers to Formosa. The Chiefs of Staff have no authority to make any change in that pattern. If the President wants to consult them again he is of course free to do so."—United Press.

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The Shah of Persia and his seven-year-old daughter, Princess Shahnaz, in Rome. The Shah was paying a visit to the Italian capital after his six-week trip to America.—London Express Service.

Consulate Flag Returned By Formosa Police

London, Jan. 11.—A Union Jack seized from the British Consulate at Tamsui, Formosa, by eight armed Chinese Nationalist soldiers was returned today, the Foreign Office announced.

Fraser, VC, Heads Search For Lost Boy

Wolverhampton, Jan. 11.—Six "frog men" in rubber suits and diving helmets, led by a Victoria Cross winner, today again descended to the muddy bed of the Birmingham Canal here to search for the body of five-year-old Jimmy Poole, who has been missing since Christmas Day.

The leader of the search, Lieutenant Ian Fraser, who won the VC for his part in the mid-1945 submarine operations in Singapore against the Japanese.

The frog men worked by floodlight until 9.30 pm last night, combing over the 100 yards of the Canal bed which could not be drained. If the body of the boy is found, it will be taken to his home.

Jimmy was last seen standing in the headlights of a car on a bridge over the Canal. Scotland Yard experts were called in after a widespread search in Central England.—Reuter.

ROMULO ILL

Washington, Jan. 11.—The President of the United Nations Assembly, Carlos Romulo, is ill with a throat infection and wheezing.

Mr Romulo told the United Press today that Mr Romulo's physician ordered him to bed yesterday from Baltimore. Romulo's return unaided with the President's Elpidio Quirón, who reported that the President expected Mr Romulo to be all right after a few days' rest. Mr Romulo recently told the United Press that his three months of presiding over the United Nations were the most strenuous he had ever spent. He had wanted a brief respite then, but from all indications he has continued to be almost as active in Lake Success and Philippine affairs since then as he was when the General Assembly adjourned in December.—United Press.

Shvernik Receives Mao Tse-tung

London, Jan. 11.—Moscow Radio reported that Mr Nikolai Shvernik, Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Soviet Union, received Mr Mao Tse-tung, President of the Central Council of the Chinese Republic, in Moscow today. The Chinese Ambassador in Moscow, Mr Wang Chia-hsiang, was present.—Reuter.

SWEDISH PARLIAMENT OPENED

Stockholm, Jan. 11.—Crown Prince Gustav Adolf opened the Swedish Parliament today in the absence of 91-year-old King Gustav, III in bed with bronchitis and a septic throat.

This was the first time for 40 years that King Gustav had failed to be there. The last time he opened Parliament he had to be carried through the Parliament grounds in a sedan chair and helped to the throne by his aide.

Crown Prince Gustav Adolf, 31, has spent the winter in his apartment in the Palace, reported a follow-up.

Foreign Relations Court Secretary hoped that the European Council would bind the member states closer to each other and promote their economic and social progress.

Balancing the economic position in Sweden had improved in the past year, and restrictions had been abolished.

Taxes, restraint in spending by private people and the state was still necessary, and taxes could not be eased appreciably.

Reuter.

BOMB HURLED INTO BAR

Asmara, Jan. 11.—Two men on bicycles tossed a British-made hand grenade into a crowded bar behind the Asmara Court building last night while a mob of 100 covered their getaway with pistol shots.

The grenade failed to explode after it had crashed through the window of the barroom. Panicky patrons fled.

It was the first outbreak of violence in the former Italian colony since the chief administrator, Mr Greville Drew, announced the arrival of British troops reinforcements last month to maintain order. British administrators Eritrea.—United Press.

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PICTORIAL NEWSFRONT



TRANSPLANTED—Because she is homesick, Elizabeth Loushy, an American who has lived in England for three years, grows her own vegetables from home. At an exhibition in London, she showed corn, eggplant, lima beans and pumpkins.



STRANGE MINING—A strip coal mine operator, near Woodland, Pennsylvania, mines his property against marauders. He is placing dynamite charges around one of the trees along the road to the mine. Roving pickets have blown up tipples in the area.



GOING UP—Laura Elliot is one starlet in Hollywood who is climbing the ladder of success.



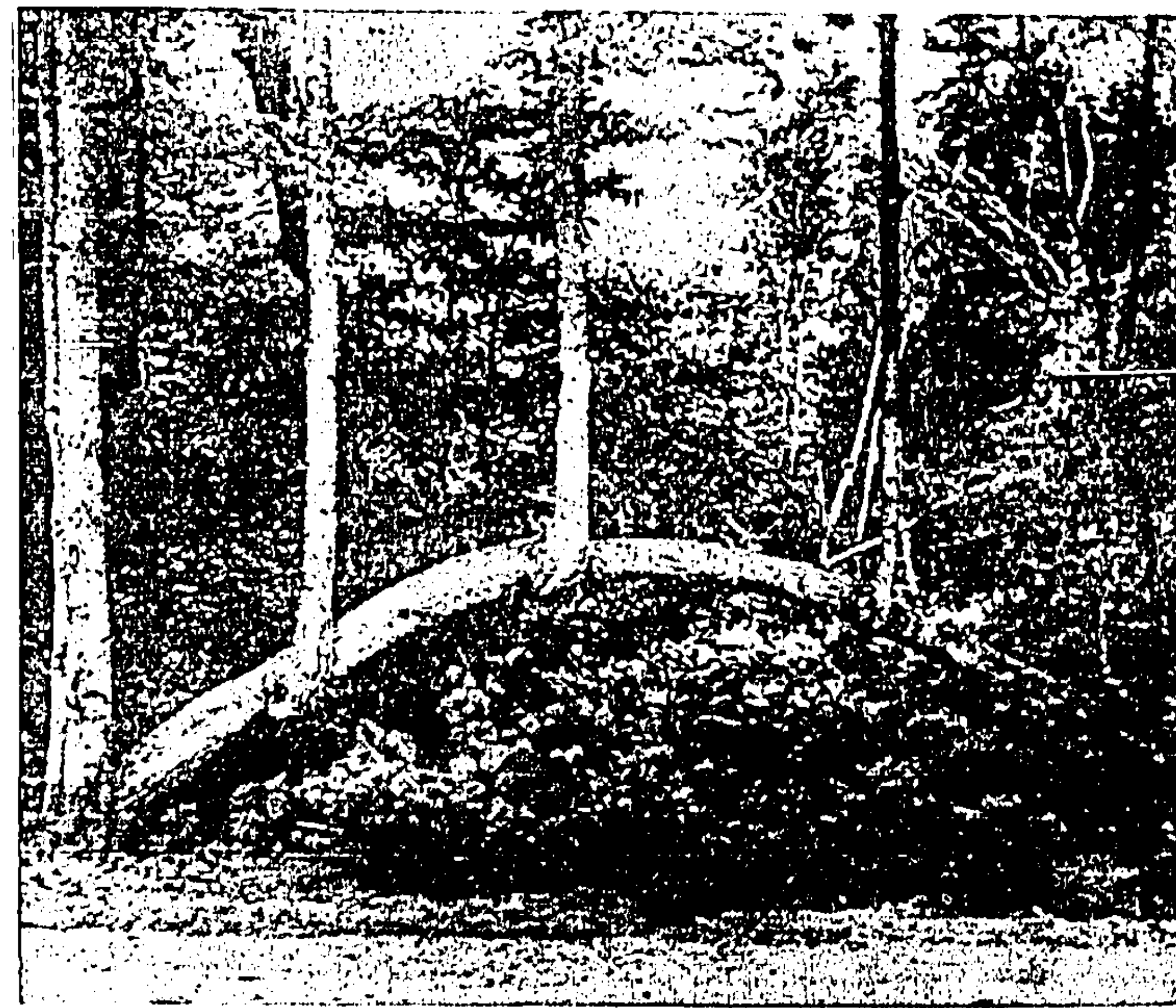
GARAGE FIRE—Firemen pour water on the burning debris of a five-storey garage which was wrecked in New York when some gasoline exploded. At least two persons were injured by the concussion, which shattered scores of windows in the area.



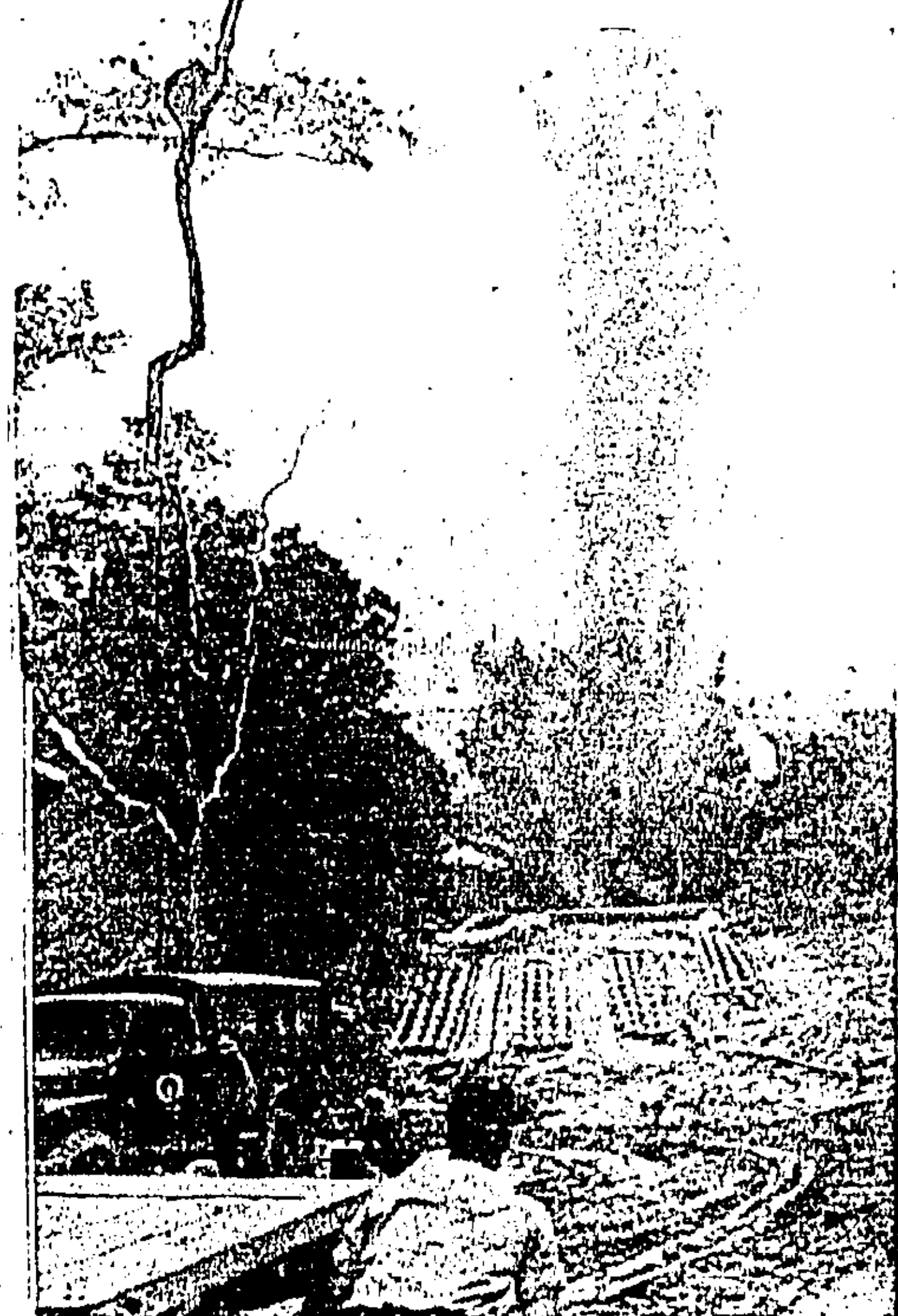
THE SEARCH—Grown-ups and a tiny baby dig for buried treasure after hearing a report that coins had been found on the beach at Mantoloking, New Jersey. Rumour had it that the "gold" washed ashore was from a British ship that sank in 1813, but experts doubted the value of such coins.



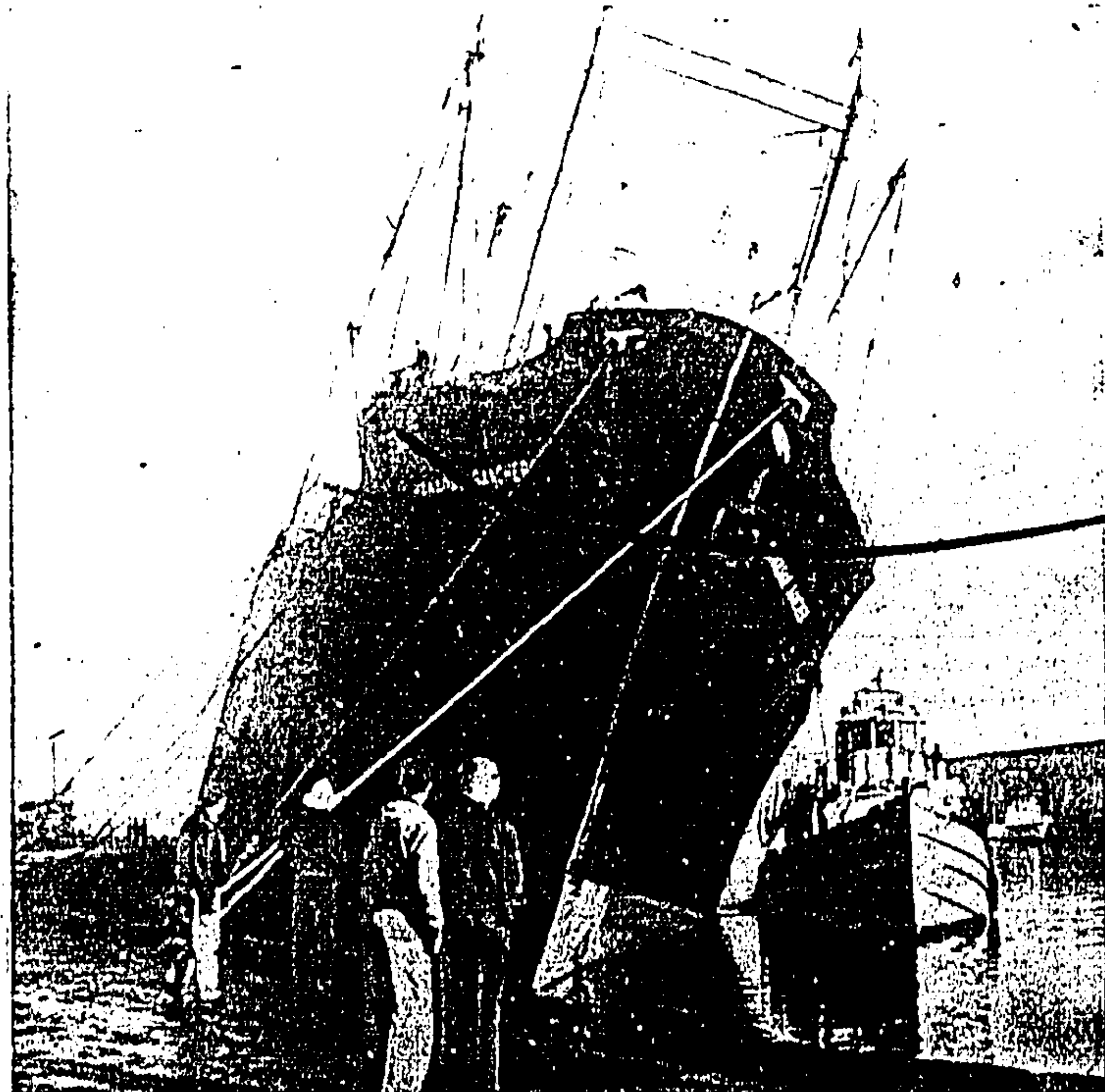
BABY-SITS AT SEA—Many children cross the Atlantic unaccompanied, and Jadwiga Werpachowski, "ship's mother" for the Gdynia American Line, has shepherded hundreds of them. A qualified nurse, psychiatrist and linguist, she here points out the New York skyline to a young charge.



A PERFECT PLACE FOR SHADE—This maple tree, near Munising, Michigan, is unique. It has five vertical trunks, with the main trunk making a loop from left to right, with both ends having a perfect root system. There must be lots of shade—while the leaves last.



BLASTING THEIR WAY—Water so high when 25,000 pounds of dynamite exploded in the Potomac River near Washington, D.C. The blast blew a trench in the river bed for a gas pipeline.



BERTHS WITH FIRE ABOARD—The freighter, Hawaiian Rancher, lists dangerously over a fire tug in Alameda, California, as firemen pour water to save its cargo of wallboard and pineapple. The ship caught fire and rolled over to port as it was berthing.



GETTING THEIR KNOW-HOW—During the biggest manoeuvres held since the war in the French Zone of Germany, near Wittlich, the French Army had high-ranking observers from 10 other Atlantic Pact countries. Here soldiers repair a 30-ton tank after an "engagement" in a pitched battle on the northern bank of the Moselle River.

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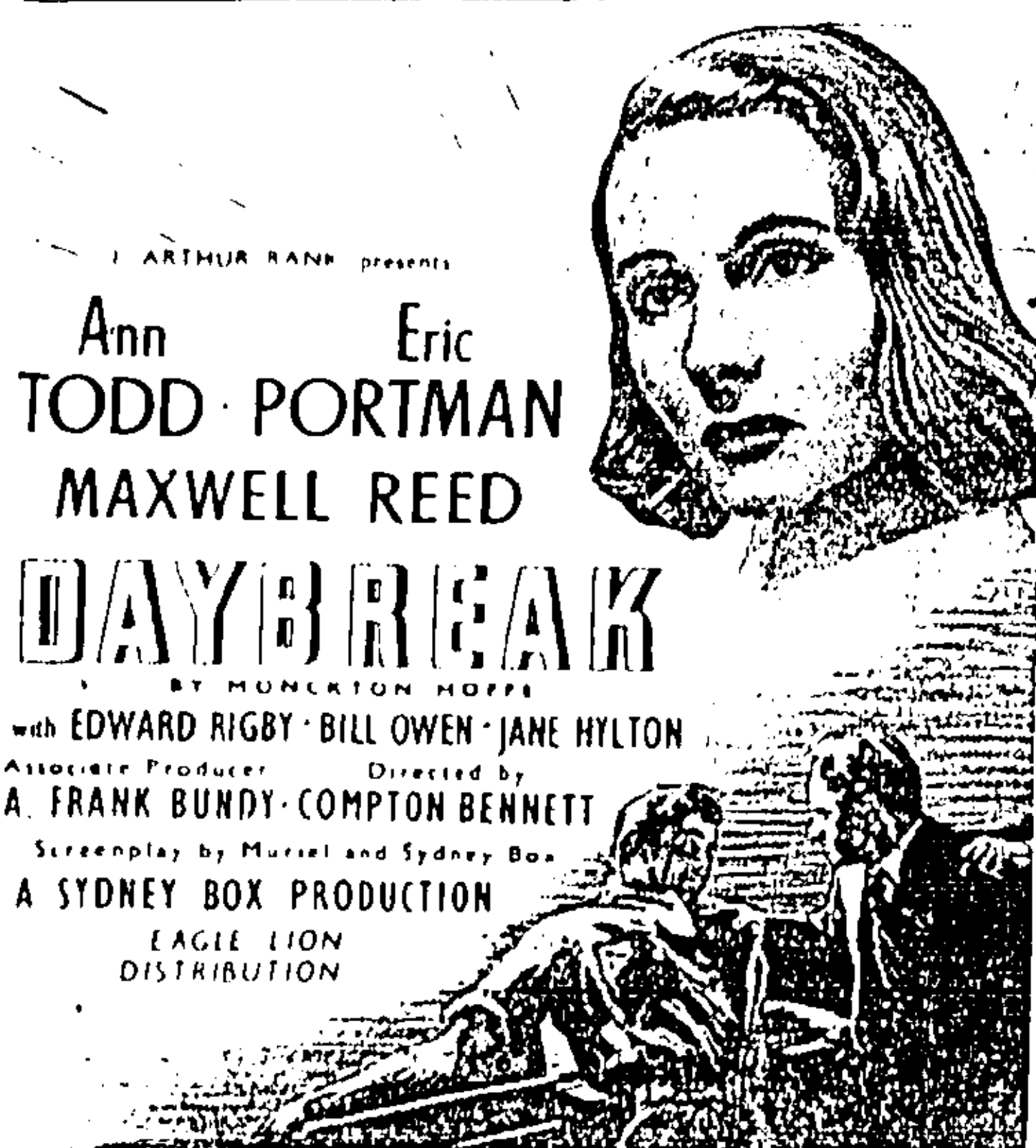
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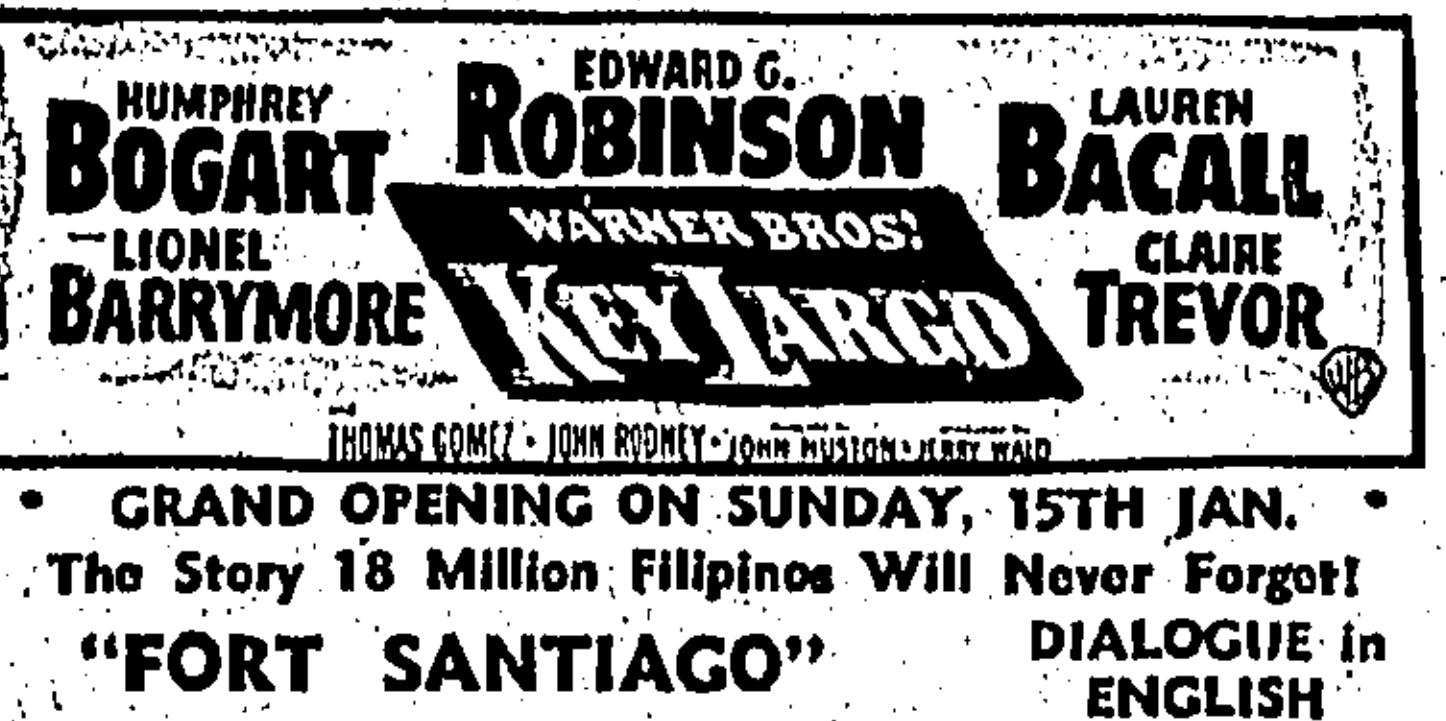


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His secret was an astonished interest in human nature

by Rebecca West

MR TED KAVANAGH, the script-writer of *Itma*, has written a biography* of Mr Tommy Handley which will have a sentimental interest for many listeners, and must have an historic value as a record of how a great artist picked up his traps and moved the old caravan on to new territory. For of course Tommy Handley was a great artist. He had the root of the comic matter in him, and that, Heaven knows, is serious enough to justify a comedian being given supreme honour.

All the great comedians work from two assumptions. Those of us who are getting on in life can look back into our childhood and remember that *Leno* (who of all comedians most resembled Tom as Handley has it) was a very different universe from the man to inhabit. It is too complicated for him, and he is not like the equipment needed to deal with it, and the subject for despair but also for laughter.

First, he supposed that he was a very different universe from the man to inhabit. It is too complicated for him, and he is not like the equipment needed to deal with it, and the subject for despair but also for laughter.

Thinking cheekily
ONE Christmas he demonstrated to the world his attempt to perform on the stage. We can still see it in our memories, the small, helpless, butterfly-footed thing out from under the daisies full skirts and proper through the strings, while the sharp shuddered further and further out of the perspective, and the little figure slowly fell top of the instrument still silent, too absorbed in its intentions of making music to let a word.

The other assumption is that you can take the terror out of the universe by thinking about it cheekily, by professing that you can stand it on its head if you want to, by letting in nonsense to relieve the strain. But *Leno* living in a household at the bottom of the sea, opened the windows, and with the smug expression of the careful housewife, watered the flowers in the window box.

Freed by nonsense
It might have been thought that nothing could compensate for the advantage *Leno* enjoyed in being seen as well as heard. But Tommy Handley, Ted Kavanagh and *Leno* were something which gave indoor-craft entertainment, based on these assumptions, not in three hours of verbal and verbal performance, but in half an hour of merely audible performance.

For ten months out of the twelve over ten years they showed by lightning flashes man struggling ludicrously in the spring trap of necessity and being freed by nonsense, not just any nonsense, but the right magical spell, uniquely appropriate to the occasion.

Tommy Handley, feeble and incurably light-minded, was made Minister of Aggravations and Mysteries, the Mayor of Fanning-in-the-Mouth, the Governor of Tomtopia.

TOMMY HANDLEY, by Ted Kavanagh (Hodder and Stoughton, 7s. 6d.).



BIG THREE OF ITMA: Francis Worsley, Tommy Handley and Ted Kavanagh.

NANCY Musical Menu



lifted a curse which had fallen on the humour of the world. The great comedian usually shined himself in the likeness of the man in the street, for his experiences are the general ones that come to us all. When a man rises in the world he tends to have special experiences associated with his way of rising, so a comic who makes himself in that likeness tends to make particular and universal jokes which limits his appeal.

When the new art of the film gave its first great comedy in the person of Charlie Chaplin, it was unfortunate that he was a sentimentalist, and gave the man in the street a certain winning pathos. He was the "little man" whose heart was beating pity.

Don Leno was in physical fact a little man. But he had a whole of a time trying to play the part of an always believed whether those flowers needed watering or not, it was the fact that no householder at the bottom of the sea had ever had a window box.

But Charlie Chaplin was thinking of himself as an itchy little man, nothing at all but a wail and a moan, as he walked at the end of his flimsy chain the dusty road to be to the bottom of the sea, and the bottom of the sea, and the bottom of the sea.

It was given to Tommy Handley to eternal the world that the typical man in the street is not a little man at all.

Immensely rich
He was big enough to have a laugh at the battles of the world, to get his girl and keep her, and the children to fill the top with good and cover the

The Liner They Could Not Sink

SO the grand old lady of the Atlantic is being handed over to the knucklers at the age of thirty-five.

Quite apart from any question of affection, the *Comard White Star Aquitania* was the finest money spinner in the way of a liner ever built.

John Brown and Company launched her at Clydebank in 1914 and in her career she carried over a million passengers, and steamed 3,000,000 miles.

In World War I, she did great service, but her career in World War II has remained a mystery until now.

Security prevented any mention of her astonishing feats. Here is part of the story of what happened in those days.

On December 9, 1939, General McNaughton and his staff were detained at Halifax, and went on board the *Aquitania*.

Next day the Canadian battle flag was dedicated in the lounge.

On December 13 the *Aquitania* and her convoy ran into thick fog. The destroyer escort lost touch.

The fog lifted, whereupon the captain of HMS *Resolution*, in charge of the convoy, sent a signal to *Aquitania*.

From *Commodore* to *Aquitania* will be the Vice-Commodore, look up St Luke, Chapter 12, Verse 6.

[And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.]

Soon afterwards a dim outline of a large vessel loomed up immediately ahead. Collision was inevitable.

The unknown vessel was the *Comard Samaria*. There was a rending crash. By nothing short of a miracle there were no casualties.

In the winter of 1940, the *Aquitania* set out for Australia in the world's fastest convoy—with the Queen Mary, the Queen Elizabeth, the *Mauretania*, and the *Nieuw Amsterdam*—five ships comprising 284,000 tons of shipping.

By Ernie Bushmiller



TOMMY HANDLEY reminded the world that the man in the street is a BIG man

These "good" judgments were significant. Never did the script writers of *Itma*, nor Tommy Handley, nor any of those who worked for him, fall victim to the special temptation of the comedian, and raise laughter by cruelty.

The Climax
THIS should have been recorded for it was the climax of the relationship Tommy Handley established with his listeners, his final triumph in getting under the skin of his

It was the last proof he gave that the real artist is not daunted when a new age takes away all his gifts except his voice and blows out the stalls, and the pit and the gallery and ratters them across the nations. He goes on practising the old magic.

18-inch cars do 128 miles an hour

MODEL car racing—like model aircraft flying, long past the elastic-motor stage—is becoming the fastest hobby.

Recently a Briton set up a European record of 108 miles per hour. In America a model has done 128 miles per hour.

The cars, 18ins. long, weighing under 8lb, and powered by budget engines, tear round a 42ft circular track with a Brooklands roar. It's all so fast that photo-finish timing has to be used.

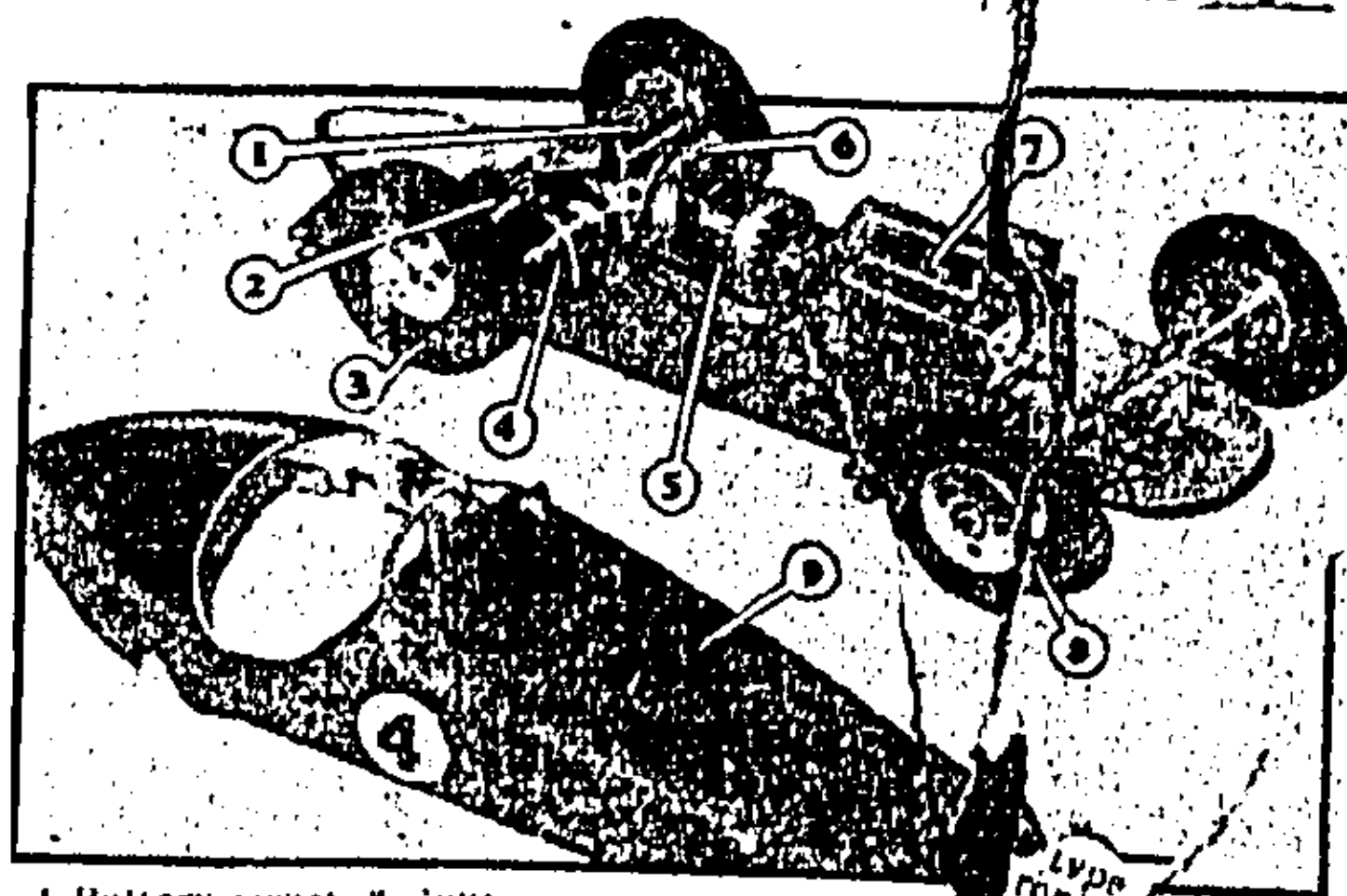
Central pole
A steel cable tethers a brakeless, gearless car to a central pole. It travels 20 ft (half a mile) on one fueling, but long-distance models can do 400 miles.

Watch out if a car should break loose. It will smash to pieces. So spectators are protected by safety boards.

There are about 150 model car racing clubs in Britain, most of them affiliated to the Model Car Racing Association.

Ten years ago model car racing was known only in America. Then in 1939 enthusiasts here began building models in lofts and garages. They were (diesel-driven and travelled at 40 miles per hour for two minutes on a straight track.

COMPARISON NOTE: Fastest full-size racing car in normal production; Jaguar two-seater. Speed: Just over 130 miles per hour.



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When there's biff I needn't use my fist!

